

Investigaciones de Historia Económica

2005-2025

A brief summary of the last 20 years

Investigaciones de Historia Económica-Economic History Research (IHE-EHR) has reached the mark of 20 years. As the journal of the Spanish Association of Economic History (*Asociación Española de Historia Económica*, AEHE), it has aimed at the dissemination of economic history, business history, and the history of economic thought. Over these two decades, several editorial teams have managed the journal. Since 2019, and once it joined the *Repositorio Español de Ciencia y Tecnología (RECYT)*, all content has been freely available for download in PDF format, reinforcing the journal’s commitment to open science.

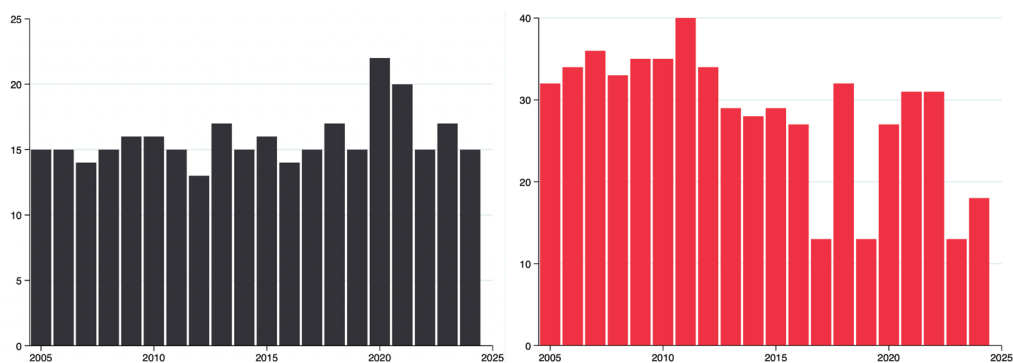
TABLE 1. IHE-EHR and a selection of journals with similar aims & scope.

Journal	Year of foundation	JCR	SSCI	ESCI	AHCI
Economic History Review	1927	1997	Yes		Yes
Business History Review	1926	1997	Yes		
Journal of Economic History	1941	1997	Yes		Yes
Business History	1958	1997	Yes		
Explorations in Economic History	1962/69	1997	Yes		
<i>Revista de Historia Económica</i>	1983	2010	Yes		
<i>Historia Agraria</i>	1991	2012	Yes		Yes
<i>Revista de Historia Industrial</i>	1992	2011	Yes		Yes
European Review of Economic History	1997	2009	Yes		
<i>IHE-EHR</i>	2005	2020		Yes	
Cliometrica	2007	2010	Yes		Yes
<i>Iberian Journal of the History of Economic Thought</i>	2014	2023		Yes	

NOTES: Journal Citation Reports (JCR) electronic issue (SSCI: Social Sciences Citation Index; ESCI: Emerging Sources Citation Index; AHCI: Arts and Humanities Citation Index). In *Italics* the Spanish based journals. Source: Web of Science.

Although twenty years have already passed, IHE-EHR is a relatively *young* journal (see Table 1). In 2020, it was included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and thereby incorporated into the Web of Science (WoS) database. In 2024, the *Journal Citation Reports (JCR)* unified rankings across subject categories and incorporated ESCI journals. As a result, IHE-EHR can now be compared with other journals in terms of Impact Factor (IF) and citations. Besides, articles and book reviews have been indexed by Scopus since 2011, and all content from 2005 onwards is available in Dialnet. The journal is thus indexed in the most prestigious international and national databases.

GRAPH 1. Articles (left) and book reviews (right) published by year, 2005-2024.



SOURCE: Archive of IHE-EHR.

In accordance with the editorial policy, IHE-EHR publishes three issues per year (February; June; and October). Between 2005 and 2024, the journal has published 315 peer-reviewed articles and 570 book reviews – an average of 5 articles and 10 book reviews per issue (see Graph 1). These publications have involved 617 individual researchers (458 men and 159 women) as single authors or coauthors. In this regard, the number of female authors has ranged between 16% to 38% while the number of female reviewers has steadily grown, with women accounting for approximately 30-40% of the total in recent years.

Also, the journal has published 4 research notes, 12 *in memoriam*, and 1 *panorama*. Within the peer-reviewed articles, 41 were part of *special issues* (see Table 2) while 17 were awarded the *Premio Ramón Carande* by the AEHE, thereby implying that more than 80% of the peer-reviewed articles followed an ordinary path. The journal carries out an editorial review followed by a double-blind peer review with a minimum of two evaluations. Therefore, it is worth remembering the hundreds of researchers from Spain and abroad who have been reviewers in these twenty years.

TABLE 2. Special issues published in IHE-EHR, 2005-2024.

Issue	Special
9.1 and 9.2	Methods in Economic History
10.2	Financial crises in historical perspective: Parallels between the past and the present
12.2	The business of fashion in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
13.3	Economic history of Europe: New approaches, new topics
16.4	Pandemics in History
17.2	Pandemics in History in Spain
19.2	Living standards from a historical perspective

SOURCE: Archive of IHE-EHR.

Another aspect is the language of publication as IHE-EHR publishes in both Spanish and English. Although most of the articles and book reviews are still published in Spanish, there is an upward trend of English-written works. Since 2021, almost a third of the academic articles were in English. In Table 3, articles have been ranked by the Journal of Economic Literature (JEL) system of classification, often referred as JEL codes. As expected, given the aims and scope of the journal, the JEL codes capturing economic history predominated. Likewise, a broad coverage can be appreciated. Table A.1 below shows the top 10 articles in terms of citations.

TABLE 3. Top-5 JEL codes.

	JEL	Frequency
	N – Economic History	551
O – Economic Development, Innovation, Technological Change, and Growth		85
	L – Industrial Organisation	71
	J – Labor and Demographic Economics	51
B – History of Economic Thought, Methodology, and Heterodox Approaches		45

NOTE: JEL codes are made of a letter followed by two digits.

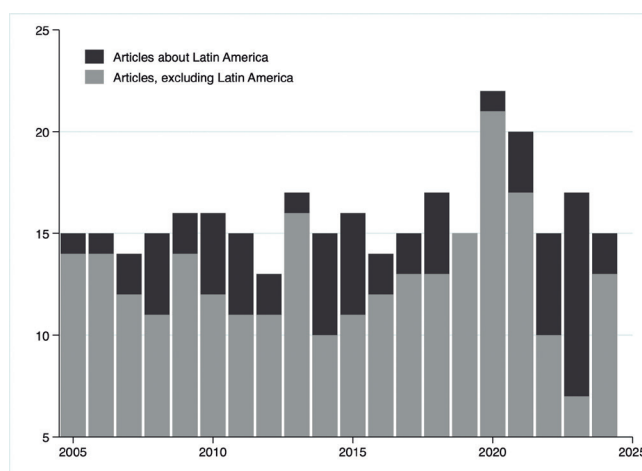
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The Latin American bond

For a long time, scholars have analyzed a variety of topics about Latin American economic history, such as the relationship between institutions and economic growth, financial development, or living standards. IHE-EHR has participated in the development of this field, by publishing numerous articles. For instance, in “*La desigualdad económica regional en América Latina (1895-2010)*” (2020, Vol. 16, No. 3), the authors analyzed the evolution of regional inequality in nine Latin American economies from the late 19th century. In “*La integración comercial de América Latina en el espejo del Pacífico*” (2022, Vol. 18, No. 2), the role of market

forces and the process of regional integration in Latin America and the Asian-Pacific region was examined. In *“Trade finance and Latin America’s lost decade: The forgotten link”* (2014, Vol. 10, No. 2), the author examined the impact of trade finance on international trade in the decade that followed Latin America’s debt crisis, whereas the article entitled *“The real wages and living conditions of construction workers in Santiago de Chile during the later colonial period, 1788–1808”* (2015, Vol. 11, No. 2) looked at real wages and living conditions of construction workers in Santiago de Chile in the late colonial period. Table A.2 below illustrates the top 5 articles on Latin America in terms of citations.

GRAPH 2. Articles on Latin America.



SOURCE: Archive of IHE-EHR.

Overall, ten articles on Latin American economic history were published by IHE-EHR in 2005-09, 16 in 2010-14, 13 in 2015-19, and 21 in 2020-24. Moreover, in 2020, IHE-EHR published a special issue on the economic history of Latin America, including articles with a wide variety of topics such as regional development, education, wellbeing and business history. This bond with Latin American is formally recognised in the journal’s regulations, which stipulate that one of the co-editors must be from the region.

TABLE A.1. Top-10 articles by citations in Scopus.

Rank	Title	Author/s	Year
1	The height of Europeans, 1700-2000: Cycles, growth, and inequality	José Miguel Martínez Carrión	2012
2	Prices and wages in Madrid, 1680-1800	Enrique Llopis Agelán Héctor García Montero	2011
3	Falling disparities and persisting dualism: Regional development and industrialisation in Italy, 1891-2001	Vittorio Daniele Paolo Malanima	2014
4	The Kuznets curve 50 years later: Economic growth and income distribution in Uruguay and other settler economies since 1870	Luis Bértola Flores	2005
5	The consumption of animal proteins in the city of Barcelona, 1830s-1930s: Evolution and determining factors	Roser Nicolau Nos Josep Pujol Andreu	2005
6	The real wages and living conditions of construction workers in Santiago de Chile during the later colonial period, 1788-1808	Manuel Llorca Jaña Juan Navarrete Montalvo	2015
7	Managing fashion creativity. The history of the <i>Chambre Syndicale de la Couture Parisienne</i> during the interwar period	Véronique Pouillard	2016
8	Evolution of the biological standard of living in the Valencia region (Spain), 1840-1969	Javier Puche Gil	2011
9	The long-term impact of Spanish industrial development policy	Joseba de la Torre Mario García Zúñiga	2013
10	Simulating early modern economic growth	Jan Luiten van Zanden	2005

SOURCE: Scopus.

TABLE A.2. Top-5 articles about Latin America by citations in Scopus.

Rank	Title	Author/s	Year
1	The Kuznets curve 50 years later: Economic growth and income distribution in Uruguay and other settler economies since 1870	Luis Bértola Flores	2005
2	The real wages and living conditions of construction workers in Santiago de Chile during the later colonial period, 1788-1808	Manuel Llorca Jaña Juan Navarrete Montalvo	2015
3	Wages and standards of living in the 19th century from a comparative perspective. Consumption basket, Bare Bone basket and welfare ratio in Buenos Aires, 1825-1849	Jorge Gelman Daniel Santilli	2018
4	Argentine export statistics, 1875-1913. New evidence and interpretations	Agustina Rayes	2015
5	Too late but profitable: Railroads in Colombia during 1920-1950	Adolfo Meisel Roca María Teresa Ramírez Giraldo Juliana Jaramillo Echeverri	2016

SOURCE: Scopus.